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AN ACT

Relating to community schools; and providing for an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 14 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

CHAPTER 36. COMMUNITY SCHOOLS.

Sec. 14.36.010. PURPOSE, INTENT. (a) The community school is an expression of the philosophy that the school, as the prime educational institution of the community, is most effective when it involves the people of that community in a program designed to fulfill their educational needs. The community school promotes a more efficient use of school facilities through an extension of buildings and equipment beyond the normal school day. The purpose of this chapter is to provide state leadership and financial support to encourage and assist local school districts in the establishment of community schools.

(b) It is the intent of the legislature that

(1) a program of community school grants be established to provide assistance to local communities in the initial development and implementation of community school programs;

(2) technical assistance and coordination of statewide efforts to develop and operate community school programs be provided by the department; and

(3) the community school program will become fully operational at the beginning of the second fiscal year following its authorization.

Sec. 14.36.020. COMMUNITY SCHOOLS GRANT FUND CREATED; LIMITATIONS ON USE. There is created a community schools grant fund as an account in the general fund. The fund shall be used to make community school grants to local attendance areas or school districts under this chapter. Legislative appropriations for community school grants shall be deposited in this fund. Community school grants may be used for planning, training and operations.

Sec. 14.36.030. GRANTS. A district operating an approved community school program may receive a first-year grant up to one-half of one per cent of its public school foundation support, a second-year grant of up to one per cent of that support, a third-year grant of up to one and one-half per cent of that support, and a fourth-year grant of up to two per cent of that support. The support provided shall be in the proportion that the number of schools in each district that are operated as community schools is to the total number of schools in the district.

Sec. 14.36.040. COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROGRAM, APPLICATION FOR GRANTS. Under regulations adopted by the state Board of Education, a local attendance area may submit to the commissioner, through the school district, an application for a community school grant. An application shall include

(1) a comprehensive plan for the community school program, including, but not limited to, before and after school hours activities for both children and adults, continued education programs for children and adults, and cultural enrichment and recreational activities for citizens in the community;

(2) a provision for a community schools advisory council;

(3) provision for community school direction and coordination to include personnel requirements;

(4) a statement as to the number of schools to be operated as community schools.

Sec. 14.36.050. APPLICATION REVIEW, DISPOSITION. The commissioner shall review and approve, disapprove or return to the initiator through the district board for modification, an application for a community school program grant.

Sec. 14.36.060. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. On the request of a school district, the department shall provide technical assistance to a school district in developing and submitting an application for a community school program. The department may use its own staff or consultants that may be necessary to accomplish this purpose.

Sec. 14.36.070. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

(1) "board" means the governing body of a school district;

(2) "commissioner" means the commissioner of education;

(3) "community school program" means the composite of those educational, cultural, social and recreational services provided the citizens of a community, except those services normally provided through the regular instructional program;

(4) "department" means the Department of Education;

(5) "district" means a school district or the state-operated schools;

(6) "local attendance area" means an elementary or secondary school, or combination of these schools, which functions as a distinct administrative unit.

* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1975.